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Good Morning Doctor,

April has been a busy month. We have begun a membership drive for the Academy. There are many orthopedists who have not heard of the new Academy and its mission for promoting orthopedics from the Diplomate examination to support of our educational institutions with many projects in between. Many of you have friends who have not joined, I ask you to invite them to review the website at www.dcorthoacademy.com. The site has changes nearly every month, so please visit it for yourself.

The Coalition completed two examinations this month. That makes 5 in 1 year. That is an amazing accomplishment. This all began in the summer of 2003 with the formation of the Interorganizational coalition of orthopedic groups. The Academy, American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists and the Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists began holding meetings, formed an examination committee chaired by Dr. Larry Swank. From that point, nearly 1 dozen Delphi committees have been formed as part of the psychometric process. In addition to field doctors, members of academia are also involved in this process. The committees are to be expanded both in task and numbers; it will include some question writing. During this year time frame, 52 candidates have been examined and over 85% have been awarded their orthopedic Diplomate to the Academy. They have earned the DACO credential. A large class graduates from NWHSU this fall and the examination is on November 19th at NWHSU in Minneapolis. The Coalition continues to work into the future to strengthen and re-ignite enthusiasm for chiropractic orthopedics. Western States Chiropractic College will host the March 25, 2006 Academy examination on campus in Portland, Oregon. Watch the website for details.

The Academy reviewed the syllabus for the College of Forensics, a subsidiary of the Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists (CCO). The hours are acceptable for re-credentialing with the Academy. The Academy appreciates the time and effort that went into development of this specialty.

The website continues to have some changes taking place. Soon you will be able to pay dues, re-credentialing fees and ordering brochures.

The new Fellow brochure is about to be released for purchase. It has been revised from the previous series, and is quite professional.

The Academy has announced the recipients of the 2005 "Outstanding Service Award" this year. We are pleased to present one award to Ms. Cheryl Huff and one award to Mr. Ed Payne, both of FCER. Both have been so helpful to the functions of the Academy. The award states:

Outstanding Service Award

Is presented to

(Cheryl Huff) (Ed Payne)

For Dedicated Perseverance and support
Of the Academy of
Chiropractic Orthopedists

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Honors were bestowed by the ACCO on 3 members of the Academy. Dr. Larry Swank received the "Chiropractic Orthopedist" of the year. Well deserved recognition for his work with the Coalition certification examination. Dr. Steve Capps received honors for his work with the DOD/VA chiropractic physicians and Dr. Gene Toon received the "Life Time Achievement" award. Congratulations!

It was nice to have met a good number of you in San Antonio at the ACCO symposium.

Next year the symposium is June 16-19 in Maui! Check your calendars and reserve some time to relax and study in the islands.

Spring...a time of renewal.